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### Sen. Barrow Hosts Parade, Flag Day Celebration

**BATON ROUGE** – State Sen. Regina Barrow invites you to join her Sunday, June 12, as she celebrates Flag Day and Women Veterans Day.

“This is our 15<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of Flag Day,” said Barrow. “Last year, because of Covid, we had an abbreviated celebration. But this year, we have the full celebration of our flag and our country.”

At 3 p.m., a parade begins downtown on St. Louis Street, runs up River Road, loops around the State Capitol and ends at Veterans Memorial Park adjacent the Capitol. Local dignitaries and bands will participate in the parade.

At a 4 p.m. patriotic program in the park, “we’re honoring not only the flag of our nation, but our women veterans and the life of attorney Johnnie Jones,” she said.

Johnnie A. Jones Sr. was a Louisiana civil rights attorney and veteran wounded in the D-day invasion of Normandy, France. He battled discrimination in court and his personal life until his death April 22 at the Louisiana War Veterans’ Home in Jackson. He was 102.

In 2020, Jones received the French Legion of Honor for his service during WWII. A year later, 77 years after the battle, his home country awarded a Purple Heart, the medal given to soldiers wounded or killed in battle.

“We’re celebrating our freedom and our flag,” Barrow said. “It’s nice that it’s on the 12<sup>th</sup> because that is Women Veterans Day.”

The first Women Veterans Day celebration was June 12, 2018. It marked the 70th anniversary of when President Harry S Truman signed the Women’s Armed Services Integration Act on June 12, 1948. That law enabled women to serve as permanent, regular members of the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines. Prior to that, women could serve only as nurses or in service organizations.

For more information or to participate, call 225-359-9400.



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